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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A multiple gauge assembly for establishing vehicle wheel rim and tire sizes to prevent interference with vehicle structure facing the wheel, as during directional turning of the wheel on a vehicle wheel mount, about a pivot axis angled relative to the wheel axis, comprising in combination:

a) a first adjustable gauge to establish a rim edge radial dimension, from said wheel axis,

b) a second adjustable gauge to establish a rim offset or back spacing dimension in a direction generally parallel to the wheel axis,

c) and a third adjustable gauge to establish a tire peripheral dimension generally parallel to said wheel axis,

d) whereby clearance between the wheel and said vehicle structure can be predictively ascertained, as during said wheel turning, prior to installation of the wheel on the mount[[.]]₁

e) said assembly including a first carrier supporting said first gauge for linear adjustable movement in a first direction, and a second carrier supporting said second gauge for linear adjustable movement in a second direction, said second carrier rigidly supported by said first gauge for bodily

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movement in said first direction but not in said second direction,

f) said first carrier slidably carrying said first gauge for vertical movement.

Claim 2 (original). The combination of claim 1 wherein said first gauge is elongated in a first direction, and said second gauge is elongated in a second direction, said first and second directions being mutually perpendicular.

Claim 3 (original). The combination of claim 2 wherein said third gauge is elongated in a third direction, said third direction being substantially parallel to said second direction.

Claim 4 cancelled.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The combination of claim 4 1 wherein said assembly includes a third carrier supporting said third gauge for linear adjustable movement in a third direction.

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Claim 6 (original). The combination of claim 5 wherein said second direction is substantially perpendicular to said first direction.

Claim 7 (original). The combination of claim 6 wherein said third direction is substantially parallel to said second direction.

Claim 8 (original). The combination of claim 5 wherein said carriers are operatively interconnected.

Claim 9 (original). The combination of claim 5 wherein said first, second and third gauges have sliding interconnection with said first, second and third carriers, respectively.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The combination of claim 1 including a connector plate operatively connected to said first carrier for carrying said assembly, and configured for bolt-on connection to said vehicle wheel mount.

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Claim 11 (original). The combination of claim 8 including a connector plate carrying said assembly, and configured for bolt-on connection to said vehicle wheel mount, and wherein the carriers are carried by said connector plate.

Claim 12 (original). The combination of claim 10 including said wheel mount to which said connector plate is connected by bolt-on connection, said mount turnable with the wheel about said pivot axis.

Claim 13 (original). The combination of claim 8 including a connector plate carrying said assembly, and configured for bolt-on connection to said vehicle wheel mount, the carriers carried by the connector plate, and including said wheel mount to which said connector plate is connected by bolt-on connection, said mount turnable with the wheel about said pivot axis.